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Llanhennock Community Council Meeting Held on 01 July 2019 7pm

Present Chairman Waters, Cllr Chivers, Cllr Heath, Cllr Morgan, Cllr Thomas,

Cllr Young, Cllr McLeod, Cllr Williams and Clerk Davies.

Apologies County Cllr Clarke

Declarations of interest None

Members of the public present Mr Jim Muir

1228/19 Mr Jim Muir (Chair of Village Hall Committee):

Mr Jim Muir firstly commented on the excellent repair work done on the Millennium Bench. Cllr Thomas was thanked for organising this work. The plaque is to be re-fitted to the bench shortly.

Mr Muir then gave a financial report on the restoration works completed so far on the village hall and explained what further expenses would be incurred, namely carpets and curtains/blinds. All agreed that the new kitchen, toilets and redecoration looked fabulous and much improved the hall for the use of the whole community. Mr Muir asked whether LCC would consider making a further donation to help them complete the project; ideally a sum of £1500 would mean that the LCC had effectively covered the carpeting costs. He also explained that the Hall Committee are in the process of organising future fund-raising events to be held once the project is complete.

Mr Muir left the meeting; the councillors discussed the matter further and agreed to donate a further £1500 to help complete the restoration project.

Minutes of the last meeting Approved : Cllr Thomas Seconded : Cllr Chivers

Matters Arising - Action Log Review

1229/19 Potholes and water leaks in Gatlas Lane:

The chairman reported that this situation has at last been resolved and the leak repaired.

1230/19 “No HGV” signs:

Clerk reported that MCC have just issued a purchase order to a company to supply the signs and these should be installed in 3 / 4 weeks

1231/19 Broadband in Llangattock Nigh Caerleon:

Cllr Williams has liaised with Michael Powell Rural Programs Manager from MCC and the Clerk had also emailed Lee Waters AM re. available government funding. It seems that this is the current situation in this ward:

Optical fibre is a non starter for at least 3 years through the superfast Cymru scheme as we are "out of scope"

4G is quite good and is a real alternative in the short term, for example with Three you will have no data capping. There are companies that can help, but there is an installation cost to pay of circa £150

The BT community scheme almost certainly will be expensive, even with the aid of the ABS and DCMS vouchers.

Broadway partners is currently rolling out a solid line of site service (5GHzradio). Interest can be registered on their website www.broadwaybroadband.co.uk They can also supply TV White Space solutions for the extra difficult premises.

Satellite may be an option, most satellite providers supply websites, be aware of high monthly fees and data capping.

1232/19 Speed Indicator signs :

Still awaiting a costings decision. Cllrs decided that similar signs are also needed along the top road in Llanhennock, between the Cheshire Home and the brow of the hill beyond the Wheatsheaf Inn. Cllr Chivers to speak to MCC to ask for these in addition to those approved for Tredunnoch.

1233/19 Water leak Llanhennock Hill :

WW was contacted and the leak has now been repaired.

1234/19 White House Lane Layby:

Further discussion took place regarding this ongoing matter regarding safety issues of the road narrowing at this point. MCC have done a site visit and found no spikes, as per the initial report. Cllr Williams reported that there had been further complaints from residents, but it was decided that since this postcode is in the Llangibby ward the matter need not be discussed further by LCC.

Correspondence

1235/19 C.P.E :

The Clerk has received a guidance booklet from MCC regarding the Civil Parking Enforcement. It was decided that this booklet was too big to display on noticeboards.

PMN: This information could be posted on the new LCC website.

1236/19 Tree Care Grant :

The Woodland Trust is organising a Wales Tree of the Year Competition and offering a £1000 tree care grant for a health check or just a celebratory event in honour of the tree. The CaerY Dor Oak was discussed as a potential nomination, but this idea was rejected.

1237/19 Community Council Cluster Meeting :

The Clerk will attend this meeting tomorrow in County Hall, Usk.

Reports

1238/19 Enforcement reports

Cases on land at Sor Bridge to Clomendy Wood Farm and land near Sor Mill have now been closed- the outcome was no breach/ breach terminated.

Finance

Balance in account £5001.38

Annual interest £13.53

1239/19 Building Society:

Cllrs eligible to sign cheques completed forms for Mon B. Soc. in order to allow Clerk Davies to raise future cheques.

1240/19 Cheques raised:

Chairman and Councillors reviewed and approved paperwork for the following cheques to be raised.

Cheque to the value of £100 to Hannah McGowan for completing internal audit

Cheque to the value of £158.24 in respect of Clerk fees for June 2019.

Cheques to the value of £39.36, £85.40 and £24 in respect of accountant fees and HMRC payments.

1241/19 Internal Auditor:

Mrs McGowan had sent a copy of guidance information for choosing an internal auditor, as she will be unable to act as internal auditor next year due to a conflict of interest. She also sent advice on records required for the asset register for future reference.

Planning

1242/19- DM/2019/00855 Coed Y Fon:

Councillors found no objections to these plans and agreed they would enhance the property.

Website:

1243/19 New Website:

It was felt that the current managers of the LCC website were not adequately doing their job and were also very difficult to contact. The clerk recommended Mrs Linda Wright who would happily take on this role for £500 per annum and for this price would also create a brand-new interactive website. She was recommended as being highly efficient and also an excellent photographer and website builder. Mrs Wright is happy to take some new photographs of the area to enhance the new website and is willing to come to our next meeting to discuss the matter further. It was agreed to invite her to the next meeting and to cancel our contract with Intudesigns (no rebate would be asked for).

Local Matters

1244/19 Ivybridge woods:

A resident had complained to Cllr Thomas that someone had been riding a quad bike through the Ivybridge woods and had created many unsightly ruts, disturbing the bluebell bulbs (which are a protected species by law) and damaged the footpath boards laid down by the Countryside Wardens when they last did maintenance work and replaced the kissing gate. It was noted that the person riding in the woods was a relation of the landowner and as such had every right to do so, but Cllr Chivers agreed to speak to the landowner to advise him of the consequences of damaging the footpath and bluebells. It was hoped that this was a one-off event and would not recur.

1245/19 Tredunnock Bus shelter:

The Chairman of Tredunnock's defibrillator committee has been in contact to tell us that the Tredunnock bus shelter paving slabs are dangerously slippery and asked for them to be cleaned. Cllrs agreed to ask Morgan Davies to quote for this job.

Any Other Business

1246/19 Ground maintenance:

Cllr Young requested that LCC pay for a contractor to weed and cut back shrubs around the "wet boot" area outside the village hall. Cllr Thomas agreed and said the area around the Croes Llwrach junction also needed attention and around the bus shelter by the Cwrt Belldyn. It was agreed to ask Morgan to quote for this work also. Cllr Heath will also speak to the resident next to the bus shelter to ask them to cut back their hedge which is overgrown and impedes vision at this junction.

1247/19 Trailers in layby:

Cllr Young requested that whoever has parked the old trailers in the layby on the top road in Llanhennock, be asked to remove them. They were apparently installed to try and dissuade drug-taking youths from congregating there, but this has not had the desired effect.

Date of next meeting

Monday 5th August 2019 - 7 pm in Llanhennock Village Hall.